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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5429

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0664

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MT, SW

SUBJ: MALTESE-SWEDISH RELATIONS

1. NEW SWEDISH AMBASSADOR RICHARD HICENS-BERGSTROM, RESIDENT  
IN ROME, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TODAY.

2. BERSTROM MENTIONED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN SWEDISH AND  
MALTESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES ARE AT LEAST STIFF IF  
NOT STRAINED. HE SAID THIS DATES FROM MINTOFF'S ASSUMPTION  
OF POWER IN 1971. BEFORE THAT TIME, RELATIONS HAD BEEN  
WARM, AND SWedes HAD PROVIDED SOME EQUIPMENT FOR PRINTING  
PLANT AT LABOR PARTY HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS FURNISHINGS  
FOR THEIR BUILDING. AFTER MALTESE ELECTIONS, SWEDISH  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS APPARENTLY FAILED TO LIVE UP TO MINTOFF'S  
EXPECTATIONS OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. BERGSTROM SAID THE  
WORD MALTA IS A NASTY WORD IN STOCKHOLM. HE HAS NOT SOUGHT  
APPOINTMENT WITH MINTOFF. HE IS HOWEVER CALLING ON OTHER  
GOM MINISTERS AND HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM  
THEM.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL BE SURPRISED IF BERGSTROM IS NOT  
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SUMMONED TO MEET MINTOFF AND HANDED A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL

OR OTHER AID.GETZ

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